

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A container comprising:
a container body comprising a sloped floor and at least one sidewall, the sloped floor and the at least one sidewall defining a reservoir operable to hold a designated volume of liquid; and
a first roller surface movably coupled to the container body, wherein, when the first roller surface is in a first position, a substantial portion of the first roller surface is located above the designated volume of liquid.
2. The container of claim 1, wherein a lowermost portion of the first roller surface is located above the designated volume of liquid.
3. The container of claim 1, further comprising a lid operable to cover an open top of the container body, wherein the first roller surface is, when the first roller surface is in the first position and the lid is covering the open top of the body, located within an enclosed space defined by the container body and the lid.
4. The container of claim 3, wherein the lid comprises an access opening.
5. The container of claim 4, wherein the access opening comprises a pour spout.
6. The container of claim 1, wherein the container body comprises a pour spout.
7. The container of claim 1, wherein the first roller surface further comprises a frame.

8. The container of claim 1, wherein the container body comprises two opposing pairs of sidewalls.
9. The container of claim 8, wherein the first roller surface extends substantially between portions of one of the two opposing pairs of sidewalls.
10. The container of claim 1, wherein the sloped floor is inclined towards a first end of the container body such that a well is formed proximate the first end.
11. The container of claim 1, wherein the first roller surface is pivotally coupled to the container body, the first roller surface being pivotable between the first position and a second position.
12. The container of claim 1, wherein the first roller surface is located, when in the first position, about 70 degrees to about 110 degrees from vertical.
13. The container of claim 1, wherein the container body comprises a stop member operable to support the first roller surface in the first position.
14. The container of claim 11, wherein the container body comprises a stop member operable to support the first roller surface in the second position.
15. The container of claim 1, wherein the sloped floor comprises a second roller surface.
16. The container of claim 1, wherein the container further comprises one or more handle members.

17. The container of claim 16, wherein the one or more handle members comprises one or more wire handles pivotally coupled to the container body.
18. The container of claim 16, wherein the one or more handle members comprises one or more protrusions on the container body.
19. The container of claim 1, wherein the first roller surface comprises a discontinuous surface.
20. The container of claim 19, wherein the discontinuous surface comprises a perforated surface.
21. The container of claim 1, further comprising a first support rib and a second support rib both extending beneath the sloped floor, wherein the first support rib and the second support rib approach one another proximate the center of the container body.
22. The container of claim 21, wherein the first support rib and the second support rib form a generally X-shaped support structure.
23. A method of applying liquid from a container to a roller-type applicator, the method comprising:
dipping the roller-type applicator into the liquid in the container, the container having a sloped floor and at least one sidewall defining a reservoir operable to hold a designated volume of the liquid; and
rolling the applicator across a roller surface coupled to the container, wherein a substantial portion of the roller surface is, when in a first position, located above a level of the designated volume of the liquid.

24. The method of claim 23, further comprising:
moving the roller surface to a second position;
dipping the applicator into the liquid in the container; and
rolling the applicator across the sloped floor of the container.
25. The method of claim 23, further comprising sealing the container with a lid.
26. An article, comprising:
a designated volume of liquid; and
a container comprising:
a container body for receiving and storing the designated volume of liquid, wherein the container body comprises a plurality of sidewalls and a floor, the plurality of sidewalls defining an opening of the container body;
a removable and resealable lid operable to selectively cover the opening; and
a first roller surface coupled to the container body and positioned between two or more sidewalls of the plurality of sidewalls, wherein the first roller surface is, when in a first position, located above the designated volume of liquid and below an uppermost edge of the container body.
27. The article of claim 26, wherein the first roller surface is movable, relative to the container body, between the first position and a second position.
28. The article of claim 27, wherein the first roller surface is pivotable, relative to the container body, between the first position and the second position.
29. The article of claim 26, wherein the floor of the container body comprises at least one sloped portion, wherein the sloped portion comprises a second roller surface.

30. A container, comprising:
a container body defining a partially enclosed reservoir having an open top, the reservoir operable to hold a designated volume of liquid; and
a first roller surface coupled to the container body, wherein a substantial portion of the first roller surface is, when in a first position, located at a level above the designated volume of liquid.
31. The container of claim 30, wherein the first roller surface is positioned within the reservoir, and wherein an uppermost portion of the first roller surface is located below the open top.
32. The container of claim 30, wherein the container body further comprises a sloped floor, the sloped floor defining a second roller surface.
33. The container of claim 30, further comprising a selectively removable lid operable to seal the open top.
34. The container of claim 30, wherein the first roller surface is pivotally coupled to the container body.
35. The container of claim 34, wherein the first roller surface is pivotable between the first position and a second position.